

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after-final amendment filed 2/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

- a. In claim 1, **REPLACE** "server" in line 10 **WITH** "servers".

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 are allowed.

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

4. Independent claim 1 claims a system, supported by the specification, for providing distributed rendering services comprising: a local rendering system, a remote rendering system which receives a render job from the local rendering system, wherein the remote rendering system comprises a schedule server that places an I/O wrapper around the render job and any files accompanying the render job to permit access to the files only upon processing the render job.

These limitations, in combination with all of the other claimed characteristics of

the system for providing distributed rendering services, are not fully disclosed or reasonably suggested by the prior art of record.

5. Independent claim 9 claims a method, supported by the specification, for rendering images, comprising: providing a render job and an associated job profile and inserting it in either a new job queue or an outsourced job queue, delivering the job to a second schedule server and distributing one or more frames of the job to a plurality of render servers, and placing an I/O wrapper around the render job and any files accompanied therewith on the remote site to allow the files accompanying the render job to be access only upon processing of the render job. These limitations, in combination with all of the other claimed steps and characteristics of the method for rendering images, are not fully disclosed or reasonably suggested by the prior art of record.

6. Independent claim 14 claims a method, supported by the specification, for remotely rendering a render job comprising: receiving a render job at a rendering site, transferring the render job to a second site, placing an I/O wrapper around the render job and any files accompanying the render job to permit access to the files only upon processing of the render job, transmitting a copy of an associated file to the second site and storing it, distributing one or more frames of the render job to a plurality of remote render servers and rendering the frames at the remote render servers. These limitations, in combination with all of the other claimed

steps and characteristics of the method for remotely rendering a render job, are not fully disclosed or reasonably suggested by the prior art of record.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron Strange whose telephone number is 571-272-3959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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